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SUBJECT: FRG EXTENDS DEBT RELIEF TO UPPER VOLTA AND
MALI

1. THE FRG MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (AID MINISTRY) HAS CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE FRG WILL GRANT DEBT RELIEF FOR UPPER VOLTA IN THE AMOUNT OF DM 173 MILLION AND FOR MALI IN THE AMOUNT OF DM 220 MILLION. THE FRG AID MINISTER OFFERGELD MADE THE STATEMENT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO OUAGADOUGOU AND BAMAKO, THOUGH THE ACTION IS SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE MINISTRY.

2. THE AID MINISTRY HAS NO DOUBT THAT THE NECESSARY APPROVAL BY THE FINANCE MINISTRY WILL BE OBTAINED SINCE
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THESE TWO COUNTRIES BELONG TO THE GROUP OF LLDCS FOR WHICH SUCH RELIEF IS POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING FRG REGULATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE TWO COUNTRIES IN QUESTION WERE AMONG THE FIRST ONES TO REQUEST DEBT RELIEF.

3. THIS ACTION, WE WERE TOLD, CANNOT BE SEEN AS A PRECEDENT FOR DEBT RELIEF TO ALL LLDCS. IN THE CASE OF

SUDAN E.G., NO DECISION ON THE STATUS OF OLD DEBTS HAS
BEEN MADE AS YET. HOWEVER, THE 1978 CAPITAL AID
COMMITMENT OF DM 80 MILLION TO THAT COUNTRY WAS
EXTENDED AS GRANT RATHER THAN AS LOAN.
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